

at least one of the upper and lower shading layers having sloped portions to form a convex shape having a bulging portion with the bulging portion of said convex shape protruding towards and being directly opposite to a gate electrode of said switching element.

6. (Twice Amended) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein

said upper shading layer and said lower shading layer are each formed of one of the following: a metal film such as Al, Ta, Ti, W, Mo, Cr, Ni; a single layered film such as AlSi, MoSi₂, TaSi₂, WSi₂, CoSi₂, NiSi₂, PtSi, Pd₂S, HfN, ZrN, TiN, TaN, NbN, TiC, TaC or TiB₂; or of a structure formed by laminating said films.
